

## Resource Directory

The Victim Services Subcommittee of MHTTF has compiled a comprehensive resource directory to assist state agencies, providers, and members of the public in serving victims of trafficking. This resource is available on the Maryland Community Services Locator website at [http://www.mdcsf.org/avjsc/csl\\_locators.asp](http://www.mdcsf.org/avjsc/csl_locators.asp) and on GOCCP's website at <http://goccp.maryland.gov/victim/humantrafficking.php>.

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The following directory is a list of organizations and agencies that are actively involved in either victim services or public awareness activities to address human trafficking in Maryland

### Araminta Freedom Initiative

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#### Information about organization/agency:

Araminta's mission is to awaken, equip and mobilize the Church and the community to end human trafficking in the Baltimore area. As Araminta ceases all active and passive participation in the many forms of the exploitive sex industry, Araminta will engage in the:

1. prevention of the sexual exploitation of minors;
2. systemic economic deterrence of the business of human trafficking;
3. intervention and rescue of those held against their will; and
4. provision of aftercare initiatives that provide healing and wholeness to victims.

Araminta awakens through Action Nights that are held quarterly as well as through the Education and Awareness Team that is training administrators, counselors, educators, parents, and medical professionals. Through the AEM Training, volunteers are equipped to engage in our mission. Certified volunteers are then invited to join one of the teams; AEM Training, Church Awareness, Education and Awareness, Systemic Economic Deterrence, Prayer Team or as an advocate or mentor while partnering with TurnAround, Inc.

### Ayuda

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**Information about organization/agency:**

Ayuda is the DC Metropolitan area's leading provider of multilingual legal and social assistance for low-income immigrants in the areas of human trafficking, immigration, domestic violence, and family law. Ayuda's human trafficking program offers comprehensive case management and legal representation to foreign-born persons trafficked for the purpose of forced labor or commercial sex who reside in Maryland, DC, and Virginia. Ayuda assists trafficking survivors to secure basic needs, including housing, food, and clothing, access medical and mental health services, and connect to community resources.

**Resources available from organization/agency for victims:**

1. Legal and social services for human trafficking survivors in Maryland, DC, and Virginia
2. Walk-in immigration consultations (call for days/times/fee)
3. Community presentations and trainings for service providers and community members on human trafficking.

**Criminal Injuries Compensation Board**

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**Information about organization/agency:**

The Criminal Injuries Compensation Board assists the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Secretary in enhancing services to victims of crime by providing compassionate care and mitigating the impact on victims by providing financial assistance in the aftermath of criminal victimization.

**Daughters of Charity**

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**Information about organization/agency:**

The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul are an apostolic community of women throughout the world whose charism is the service of those who live in poverty. Daughters of Charity's ministries include education, healthcare, social service, pastoral ministry and spirituality. Advocacy is their call for the cause of the underprivileged who do not have the possibility of making their demands and aspirations heard. Internationally, their priority is for service of human rights for women and children. The Daughters of Charity have taken a corporate stance against human trafficking in the United States.

**Resources available from organization/agency for victims:**

1. Thrift shop that can provide clothing, house wares, etc.

## **Homeland Security Investigations – Victim Assistance**

Name: Susan Ritter, Victim Specialist  
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### **Information about organization/agency:**

HSI investigates allegations of human trafficking of both foreign and US-born victims and works closely with other federal, state, and local law enforcement partners to further these investigations. HSI also maintains attaché offices in forty-seven countries, which can be utilized to assist in the investigation of transnational criminal organizations involved in human trafficking.

HSI recognizes that severe consequences of human trafficking continue even after the perpetrators have been arrested and held accountable. HSI's Victim Assistance Program helps coordinate services to help human trafficking victims, such as crisis intervention, counseling and emotional support both during and after the investigative process.

### **Resources available from organization/agency:**

1. Criminal Investigations
2. Victim advocacy/crises intervention/assistance
3. Law enforcement certification and Continued Presence, when appropriate
4. Human trafficking outreach and training for investigators and the community
5. Human Trafficking Publications

## **FBI – Victim Assistance Program**

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### **Information about organization/agency:**

The mission of the Office for Victim Assistance (OVA) is to ensure victims of crimes investigated by the FBI are afforded the opportunity to receive services and notifications as required by the law, and which will improve their ability to cope with the impact of the crime. Assistance is provided by the FBI's Victim Specialist, who can refer victims to other types of

programs and services, such as emergency housing, counseling, medical assistance, support groups and credit counseling.

### **International Rescue Committee**

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#### **Information about organization/agency:**

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) is an international non-profit organization working in 42 countries offering help and hope to refugees and others uprooted by conflict and oppression. IRC also helps resettle refugees admitted into the United States through its Maryland offices in Baltimore and Silver Spring. IRC also assists foreign national victims of trafficking, asylees, Cuban and Haitian parolees and special visa immigrant holders achieve self-sufficiency.

#### **Resources available from organization/agency for victims:**

1. IRC's services to foreign national victims of trafficking include comprehensive case management, employment services, referrals for health screenings and federal programs (food stamps and medical assistance).
2. IRC also works in partnership with Baltimore City Community College and Montgomery College to provide job training courses and English classes.

### **Maryland Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.**

Phone number: 866-MD-LAW-4U  
866-635-2948  
(410) 951-7750  
Website: [www.mdlab.org](http://www.mdlab.org)

#### **Information about organization/agency:**

Legal Aid is a statewide non-profit organization that provides free legal services to low-income residents of Maryland. Legal Aid has offices around the state serving every county in Maryland and Baltimore City. Legal Aid offices primarily provide advice and representation in the areas of domestic or family law, consumer and housing, administrative law (benefits including social security, medical assistance, food stamps, unemployment, disability), some employment and education law. Legal Aid also has a child advocacy unit which is court-appointed to represent a majority of children in the foster care system in Maryland, a migrant farmworker project which represents workers in Maryland and Delaware, an elder law project, foreclosure prevention project and legal hotline. Due to current federal funding restrictions, Legal Aid cannot represent

undocumented individuals unless they are victims of domestic violence or human trafficking. All clients are required to go through an intake process to receive services.

### **Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

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#### **Information about organization/agency:**

Maryland Coalition against Sexual Assault's (MCASA's) mission is to help prevent sexual assault, advocate for accessible, compassionate care for survivors of sexual violence, and work to hold offenders accountable. MCASA works on the following areas that connect with anti-trafficking efforts in Maryland: public policy, education, community outreach, technical assistance and legal services (see Sexual Assault Legal Institute).

### **Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center**

Name: Kimberly Gunishaw (Baltimore Region)  
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1-(877)-842-8461 (toll free)  
1-(877)-VICTIM1 (toll free)  
Website: [www.mdcrimevictims.org](http://www.mdcrimevictims.org)

Name: Dee Gardner (Upper Marlboro Office)  
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1-(877)-842-8461 (toll free)  
1-(877)-VICTIM1 (toll free)  
Website: [www.mdcrimevictims.org](http://www.mdcrimevictims.org)

#### **Information about organization/agency:**

Crime Victims' Resource Center is a non-profit organization that provides an array of services for clients (from referrals to legal representation), all free of charges.

#### **Resources available from organization/agency for victims:**

1. Legal services
2. Court accompaniment
3. Referrals
4. Therapy services
5. Assistance with crime victims' rights
6. Identity theft counseling

## **Maryland Department of Juvenile Services**

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### **Information about organization/agency:**

The Maryland Department of Juvenile Services has partnered with TurnAround, Inc. to implement a screening tool to flag youth within detention who are at high-risk for sex trafficking or currently being exploited. Survivors of sex trafficking within DJS are connected to specialized services provided by TurnAround within detention. Additionally, an individualized and ongoing service plan is established for youth who return to the community including case management, shelter, groups, safety planning, advocacy, and therapy.

## **Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF)**

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### **Information about organization/agency:**

The Maryland U.S. Attorney's Office makes it a priority to combat human trafficking. The US Attorney's Office's goal is to work with state, federal and private agencies to discover and rescue victims of human trafficking while identifying and prosecuting offenders.

The Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force was formed in 2007 by the Attorney General of Maryland, the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, and the U.S. Attorney's Office, and is chaired by five committees. The task force aims to create a heightened law enforcement and victim service presence in the community. MHTTF law enforcement efforts include establishing roving operations to identify victims and traffickers, deputizing local law enforcement to assist in federal human trafficking investigations, and providing training for law enforcement officers. MHTTF also seeks to deter human trafficking through outreach to persons who might be victimized by traffickers.

### **Maryland Rescue and Restore Coalition**

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#### **Information about organization/agency:**

Representing the state of Maryland under the Department of Health and Human Services Rescue and Restore initiative, the Maryland Coalition works to form creative partnerships between faith-based organizations and federal, state, and local agencies that will bring about an end to human trafficking.

The Coalition's efforts concentrate on:

1. Promoting awareness of human trafficking in an effort to reduce incidences of new victimization and increase identification of existing victims;
2. Facilitating prevention of human trafficking by educating potential victims, encouraging moral and just conduct, ministering to perpetrators, and advocating for fair trade and values-based economics;
3. Participating in advocacy efforts to promote an equitable and just legal system;
4. Supporting intervention of human trafficking activity by working cooperative with law enforcement and stimulating citizen involvement; and
5. Identifying the need and forming partnerships to offer after-care services and a care-giver network for victims and perpetrators

### **Maryland Stop Modern Slavery**

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**Information about organization/agency:**

Maryland Stop Modern Slavery is a community action group to support the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force (MHTTF) Victims & Public Services Committee. Stop Modern Slavery seeks to combat modern slavery, which is the exploitation of individuals through the use of force, fraud, or coercion, for the purpose of sexual exploitation or forced labor. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for the community to participate in the fight against human trafficking/trading by supporting the work of the MHTTF.

**National Human Trafficking Resource Center – Polaris Project**

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Website:	<a href="http://www.traffickingresourcecenter.org">www.traffickingresourcecenter.org</a>

**Information about organization/agency:**

The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) works to improve the national response to protect victims of human trafficking in the United States. NHTRC is a national, toll-free hotline, available to answer calls from anywhere in the country, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. The NHTRC takes reports of potential cases of human trafficking, connects callers with anti-trafficking resources in their area, and provides training, technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources. Contact the NHTRC to report a tip; to connect with anti-trafficking resources in your area; or to request training and technical assistance, general information or specific anti-trafficking resources. The NHTRC is operated by Polaris Project and funded by the Department of Health and Human Services and other supporters.



## **Safe House of Hope**

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### **Information about organization/agency:**

Safe House of Hope's mission is to help victims of sex-trafficking become an active part of a healthy community through education and training, and to provide support for the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs of these victims. Safe House of Hope operates a drop-in center that provides victims with the space to be connected with resources, services and basic needs. Free medical care is provided by Healthcare for the Homeless. Safe House of Hope conducts street outreach in Brooklyn, Brooklyn Park, The Block, and other Baltimore City and Baltimore County locations several times a week and provides a 24/7 talk/hotline to help clients connect.

### **Resources available from organization/agency for victims:**

1. Trauma therapy and small group workshops.
2. Drop-in space for women to interact with other women who have/have had the similar problems and trauma.
3. Provide a healthy breakfast and/or lunch, and take a bag lunch home for clients.
4. Provide free clothing, hygiene products, coats, and household items.
5. GED and work training.
6. Client advocates work in group and one-on-one settings to meet the clients' current needs and strive to empower them to make and attain new goals.
7. 24/7 Talk/help line.
8. Free Medical Care at Drop in – Thursdays (call first to insure HCH is in).
9. Housing Referrals and household set up help.
10. Emergency Response Team 24/7.
11. Human Trafficking Education & Prevention Classes on and off site.
12. Prevention school education classes and prevention parenting classes.

## **The Salvation Army**

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(410) 685-8878 (Emergency Shelter for Families)  
Website: [www.uss.salvationarmy.org](http://www.uss.salvationarmy.org)

### **Information about organization/agency:**

The Salvation Army Baltimore Area Command offers homeless shelter and feeding programs, boys and girls clubs, emergency assistance for food, eviction prevention, and energy assistance.

**Resources available from organization/agency for victims:**

1. Emergency Shelter for Families (Call 410-685-8878)
2. Emergency Food
3. Toys, clothing for children at Christmas
4. Spiritual Counseling if wanted (conducted by Pastoral Care of The Salvation Army)

**Sexual Assault Legal Institute**

Name: Lisae C. Jordan Esquire, Director  
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(877) 496-SALI (toll free)  
Website: [www.mcasa.org](http://www.mcasa.org)  
(click on Legal Services - SALI under "For Survivors")

**Information about organization/agency:**

The Sexual Assault Legal Institute (SALI) provides direct legal services for survivors of sexual assault and abuse, and legal training and technical assistance for rape crisis centers and other professionals working with survivors. SALI is a statewide program and serves both children and adults. It is part of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA).

**Resources available from organization/agency for victims:**

1. Legal services for survivors for any legal issue related to the sexual assault/abuse, including peace orders/protective orders, immigration (including U and T visas), employment, education, civil rights, family law, crime victim rights, and other matters.
2. Training and technical assistance for programs working with survivors, including presentations on civil legal needs of sexual assault survivors, sexual crimes and victim rights in the criminal justice system, and legal issues for sexual crimes victims who are under 18.
3. Input into MCASA's public policy advocacy, including advocating before the Maryland General Assembly.

**Tahirih Justice Center**

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**Information about organization/agency:**

The Tahirih Justice Center works to protect immigrant women and girls from gender-based violence through legal services, advocacy, and public education programs. In Baltimore City, they provide immigration legal services to foreign-born survivors of sex trafficking.

## **TurnAround, Inc. – Anti-Trafficking Program**

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### **Information about organization/agency:**

TurnAround's Anti-Trafficking Program is dedicated to empowering survivors of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation with the tools and specialized services necessary to achieve healing and self-sufficiency. TurnAround provides trauma-informed comprehensive services from emergency response to ongoing support and care to survivors ages 12-30.

### **Resources available from organization/agency for victims**

1. Emergency and Crisis Response (24/7);
2. Intensive and Ongoing Case Management;
3. Victim Advocacy Program;
4. Peer Support Groups;
5. Individual, Group and Family Trauma-Informed Therapy;
6. Victim Outreach and Education Programs;
7. Emergency Shelter (18+);
8. Transitional & Independent Living Home Programs specifically for survivors of sex trafficking (18+);
9. Shelter and program referrals.

## **Women's Law Center**

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### **Information about organization/agency:**

The Women's Law Center (WLC) was established in 1971 to meet the legal needs of women, especially in the area of family law and in the workplace. Through impact litigation and public education, WLC founders hoped to eliminate discrimination and unfair practices. Through their Multi-Ethnic Domestic Violence Project (MEDOVI) WLC assists foreign born victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in obtaining legal status in the United States. Through their Protective Order Advocacy and Representation Projects (POARP) WLC assists victims in Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Carroll County to obtain civil orders of Protection against their abuser.